

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

Mahtomedi, Minnesota



Putting Faith into Action

A Vacation with a Purpose

Visit the Mission Jamaica web site

<http://www.saintandrews.org/jamaica.html> and follow the Mission Jamaica links for pictures, project information and application forms.

October 1, 2007 deadline to sign up for the 2008 season!

What is Mission Jamaica?

Mission Jamaica (MJ) is a short-term "vacation with a purpose" mission experience, which began at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, Minnesota. In 1990, Senior Pastor Roger Eigenfeld felt the call to develop an international mission program and, through contacts in Jamaica, found an opportunity. The first mission group went to Hope Valley Experimental School in Kingston, Jamaica with 19 missionaries. Since that time, over 35 other Evangelical Lutheran Church in America congregations and several colleges from Minnesota as well as North Dakota, South Dakota, California, Oregon, Texas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Georgia, North Carolina, Illinois, Idaho and Ohio have partnered with St. Andrew's in this mission field. Participants continue to serve at Hope Valley and new sites have been developed and nurtured on the island.



Habitat Jamaica



Albion Heights Basic School

Why should I join Mission Jamaica?

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Mark 12:30-31

Mission Jamaica provides a way for us to love and serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us through his love and service to others. The Mission Jamaica trip combines a service project with time for reflection and spiritual rest. It allows a person to experience an international mission field that is close to home, yet far enough away to immerse into another culture for a week.

Share Mission Jamaica with others! Visit the Mission Jamaica web site
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Where do we go and what do we do?

Montego Bay Area

Westhaven Children's Home - Volunteers have served at Westhaven each year since 1995. As a home to 80+ children with varying degrees of abilities, Westhaven has need for on-going projects including gardening, construction, sewing, caring for the children, and assisting the Westhaven staff. Mission Jamaica missionaries will continue building the fifth cottage this year at Westhaven.

Habitat Jamaica - There's always work to be done for Habitat. Digging footings, pouring concrete, and tying steel reinforcement are some of the tasks Habitat asks MJ to do. Habitat's focus in Jamaica is to build 16' x 20' one room homes. Missionaries work side by side with the future homeowners.

Place of Safety - Next to Westhaven Children's home, POS houses approximately 75 boys ages 7 to 17. A combination juvenile delinquent facility and orphanage, POS is developing a helping ministry for the boys with MJ's help. Work has continued on the Tilapia Fish Farm project at the POS, and recently a brand new woodshop was added. The POS will be closed for renovation during MJ's 2008 season.

Copse Basic School - Preschool up to kindergarten, daycare and child development center with approximately 20 children. MJ does classroom ministry, puppet ministry and Bible school.

Riverside Basic School - Part of the Church of the Open Bible, Riverside has 100+ children, ages 3-6 years. MJ provides child development curriculum and makes capital improvements to the facility. This is also the future site of a rural medical clinic, which will be completed by Mission Jamaica teams and constructed out of a 40-foot shipping container.

St. John's Medical Clinic - Part of St. John's Methodist Church. This facility serves the Montego Bay area providing free medical and dental health care. Hundreds of patients are examined and treated at no cost to them during an MJ week.

Garland Hall Orphanage - 24 orphans call Garland Hall home. Garland Hall needs maintenance and exterior repairs. MJ assists the staff with caring for the children as well and takes them on a Sunday outing.

Albion Basic School - In 2007, MJ began a partnership with the Moravian Church in Albion Heights to help them build a foundation for a new basic school. This allows a new worship experience and an opportunity for missionaries to serve on Sunday afternoon.

Kingston Area

Hope Valley Experimental School - This was MJ's first service site in 1990. It is the only school in the Caribbean that incorporates children with special needs into the classroom and serves over 1,300 students. Projects here have included painting, building/remodeling, and classroom activities with the children.

Penwood Medical Clinic - The Seventh Day Adventist Church administrates Penwood Clinic. MJ has sent doctors, nurses, therapists, dentists and dental hygienists here since 1993. Medical teams who've previously served at Penwood may return there in 2008.

Maranatha Christian Church and Basic School - The 1999 season marked the beginning of this great new partnership for Mission Jamaica. The MCC congregation moved its services from a comfortable middle class setting to a warehouse in a ghetto section of Kingston. They are reaching out to residents of the community with the Good News of Jesus Christ and also provide a Christian Basic School for area children. MCC has plans to develop one of the containers into housing for women in crisis. Maranatha has made great strides in the last few years in developing their former warehouse into a house of worship and learning for the community.

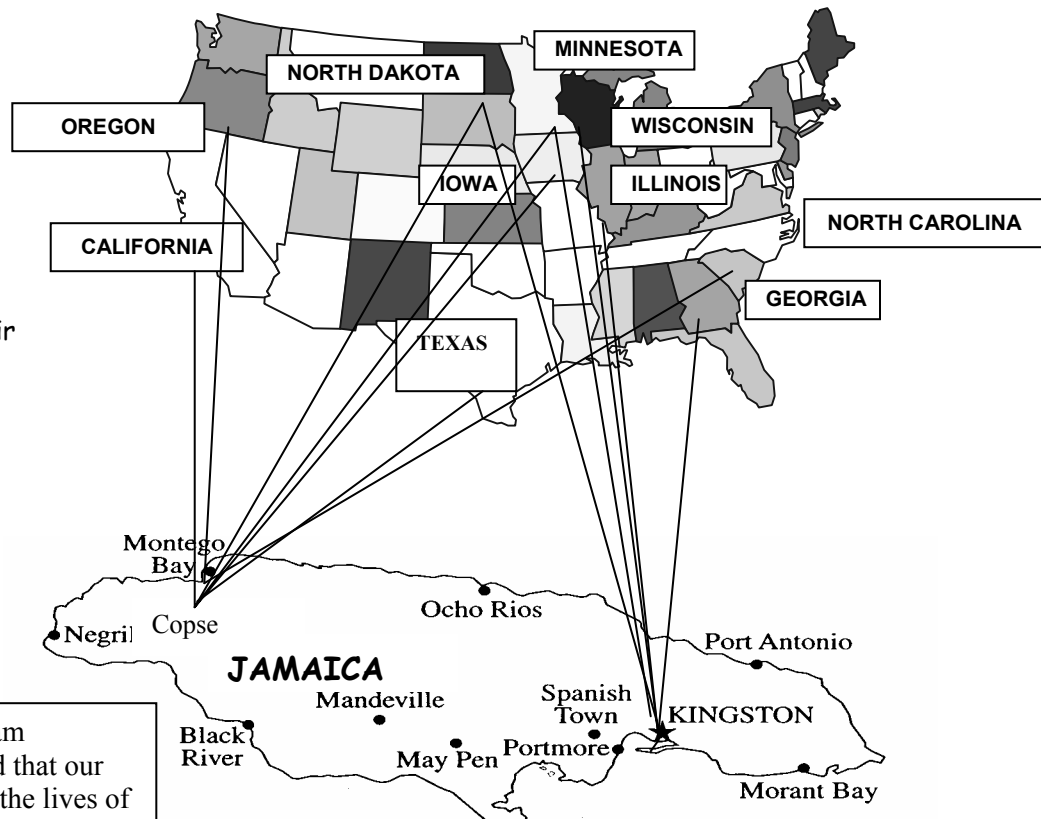
Sir John Golding Rehabilitation Centre - Next to Hope Valley Experimental School, this facility provides care and support to children and adults with severe disabilities. MJ works with the school of physical therapy in adaptive equipment resource training.

Mission Jamaica

Putting Faith into Action

Mission Jamaica allows people with varied skills and talents to participate. Activities range from pouring cement to reading to a child. Medical and dental personnel use their skills and knowledge to serve the Jamaican community.

Hear from some participants:



Over half of our twenty-four team members are repeaters. We find that our lives are changed as we change the lives of the residents of Garland Hall Children's Home. We build relationships and trust by returning year after year. We serve Jesus and his people. Our servant purpose is to affirm hope and to live out that stance of hope with each other and with the people God places before us in Jamaica. We know God will bless us and we pray that God will lead us back to Jamaica February 13-20, 2008. And we will bring hope and love from Minnesota.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Nyman

Riverside, March 2007

We began the work to convert a steel cargo container into a medical office. About a dozen local citizens and church members were present and helping with the work. It is they who've likely finished the decking with the materials that were left on site. Strong spiritual and emotional connections have developed over time with the locals in this project. There were meaningful discussions about faith and the Holy Spirit - and all He means to us.

Jack Patton
Luth. Church of Hope, W. Des Moines

St. John's Medical Clinic

We saw about 480 patients. It was the most intense medical experience and one of the most moving spiritual experiences that I have ever had. Despite what we would consider to be incredible poverty among the people there, they were kind and gracious, hopeful and cheerful and had a very bright outlook on life. They gave me much more than I could ever give them and I grew as a person in ways that I never knew I could, because of their attitudes and their faith in God. I am so thankful that I could go and "serve" there but I am really the one who was served.

Scott Fackrell, D.O.
February, 2007

Westhaven Children's Home:

- hugging a severely handicapped child with nothing but unconditional love on both of our parts
- singing to bed-ridden children who rarely ever get out of their beds and seeing the joy in their eyes
- bathing a 21-year-old man whose crippled body is barely 3 feet long, twisted and crumpled; brushing his teeth and trying to dress him without hurting him
- giving a handicapped child a glass of water - Was he thirsty or just wanted your attention and love?
- sitting on a bench and coloring pictures with children who struggle to hold a crayon and moving the paper around under the crayon to help make a mark and seeing their joy
- wheeling kids up a mountain road to a cinder block church and struggling to get them up a steep ramp into church and watching their faces light up during the service - God's love is evident.

Calvary and St. Mark's mission team
March 3-10, 2007

Mission Jamaica 2008- Trip Dates. Service Sites *

Fees to be determined (Plan app \$1,600-\$1,850/person, all inclusive for all sites)

	DATE	HOST CHURCHES	SITES
A.	1/5-1/12	St. Andrew's/Mahtomedi	All
B.	1/12-1/19	Hope/Fargo Walhalla	Copse
C.	1/19-1/26	Westminster LC of Hope/W. Des Moines 1 st /Columbia Heights St. Andrew's/Mahtomedi (LW) WI Medical Team	Copse, Riverside, & St. John's
D.	1/19-1/26	Hope/Fargo St. Andrew's/Mahtomedi (JS) 1 st /Lake City	Kingston
E.	1/26-2/2	Hosanna/Forest Lake Sioux Falls Team Zion/Battle Lake Good Shepherd/Salinas St. Luke/Cordova	Copse, St. John's, & Habitat
F.	1/26-2/2	Bethel/Hudson	Kingston
G.	2/2-2/9	St. Andrew's/Mahtomedi (CS) LCGS/Park Ave. Christian/DSM	Copse & St. John's
H.	2/9-2/16	Immanuel/Wadena Bethany/Rice Lake	Copse
I.	2/13-2/20	Farmington Lutheran Christ/Marine	Garland Hall
J.	2/16-2/23	St. Andrew/Eden Prairie Trinity/Mason City Cleveland, OH	Copse & St. John's
L.	3/1-3/8	St. Mark's/Mooresville	Copse
M.	3/5-3/12	St. Andrew's/Mahtomedi (JVK)	Habitat
N.	3/8-3/15	P of Peace/Brooklyn Park	Copse
O.	3/15-3/22	Lord of Life/Maple Grove St. James/Crystal	Copse & Riverside
P.	3/24-3/31	Lord of Life/Maple Grove Osseo United Methodist St. James/Crystal	Copse & St. John's
Q.	6/10-6/17 Youth Team	St. Andrew's/Mahtomedi Christ the King/Evans GA	YWAM Campus Copse Garland Hall
R.	6/18-6/25 Youth Team	Hope/Fargo Good Shepherd/Moorhead	YWAM Campus Copse Garland Hall

St. Andrew's Spiritual Leaders in 2008: Lauren Wrightsman (LW), John Keller (JVK), Cindy Senarighi (CS), John Straiton (JS)

*2008 teams and calendar as of September, 2007, subject to changes and revisions

The Money Details

- 1) Sign up with an initial deposit of \$50.00 (to reserve the airline seat) anytime between now and late September. (Airline deposit amounts and guidelines may vary by departure city. Contact the Mission Jamaica office for details on deposit guidelines.)
- 2) A non-refundable deposit of \$200.00/person is due in the MJ office by November 1, 2007. Seats without this deposit may be lost! Deposits may be transferable to another person 45 days prior to your scheduled trip. Full balance of trip cost is due in the MJ office 60 days prior to departure.
- 3) All expenses relating to the mission portion of the trips are tax deductible (all but two nights lodging). Mission trip prices are largely based the cost of airfare and hotel. Prices are subject to change without notice.
- 4) Trip extensions might be available, but must be requested at the time of deposit.
- 5) Mission trip cancellation insurance is available. Call us for details.
- 6) Refund policy: Deposits are non-refundable. You may be able to switch to another trip during the season or you may be able to get a replacement (call us). After tickets are purchased (approximately 45 days prior to your trip schedule) there are no refunds of ticket costs, sorry. Also, if MJ has to pay a penalty on hotel room cancellations, then the missionary would be responsible for that penalty.
- 7) MJ reserves the right to cancel trips due to lack of participation. In the event of cancellation of a trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made.
- 8) Even though the trip is paid in advance, a credit card is required upon check-in at the hotel for incidentals. Additional cash or credit will be needed for vacation day tours, souvenirs, tips, etc.

Other Policies

- 9) MJ is not liable for any theft, injury, delay, damage, or inconvenience caused to our missionaries.
- 10) The Spiritual Leader is in charge of special needs, concerns, and overall leadership of the Mission team. The Project Leader coordinates the projects for the week and assigns teams to tasks needed. Team Leaders are chosen from church groups to represent the needs of individual churches.
- 11) Each missionary is required to attend MJ training prior to the trip. Topics include cultural awareness, international travel tips, information on work projects, and trip expectations. Training dates will be scheduled with individual congregations.
- 12) Participants will adhere to United States laws regarding tobacco, alcohol, firearms and non-prescription drugs.
- 13) While in Jamaica, participation in daily devotions is required.
- 14) Participants will adhere to United States custom of sunbathing.
- 15) Rooming will be by gender unless married or families traveling together. Single rooms are available at the cost of the participant. Contact the Mission Jamaica office or your spiritual leader for more details.
- 16) You must have a current United States passport to travel between the US and Jamaica. If you are a citizen of another country, please contact Mission Jamaica staff for information.
- 17) Missionaries are not to go anywhere off the hotel premises or mission sites alone. No matter your age or gender, always go in groups of at least two-three, and always let someone know where you're going.

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Please fill out an application form and return it to your team leader with a \$50.00 deposit to reserve your airline seat anytime between now and late September, 2007. A non-refundable deposit of \$200.00 is due in the MJ office by November 1, 2007. Forms may be printed off the web site.

Reservation Form and Medical Information

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Trip Letter _____

Trip Dates _____

Host Church _____

Repeater Y/N _____ Number of Trips _____

Personal Information			
FULL NAME as it appears on Passport (Need for airline tickets)			
Address:			
City, State, Zip			
Area Code/Home Phone:		Area Code/Work Phone:	
email Address:		Marital Status S M D W	
Birth Date (mm/dd/yy)		Age:	Gender:
Health Insurance Carrier:		Phone:	
Policy #		(Please attach copy of insurance card to form)	
Passport #	Exp. Date:	(Please attach copy of passport to form)	
Emergency U. S. contact during trip			
Name:		Relationship:	
Daytime Area Code/Phone #		Evening Area Code/Phone #	
Skill Survey			
Please indicate level of proficiency in each area (5 = high; 1 = low)			
Plumbing ⇒	Electrical ⇒	Painting ⇒	Masonry ⇒
Musical Gifts ⇒	Teaching ⇒	Dental* ⇒	Nurse* ⇒
Therapist (OT,PT)* ⇒	Doctor* ⇒	Carpentry ⇒	Computer ⇒
*Must fill out a special Health care provider application		Other Skills:	
Medical History			
Please indicate your general health:			
Excellent	Good	Average	Poor
Do you have any concerns about special needs (diet, lodging, lifting, stair-climbing, etc.)?			

Please complete both sides of form

If you were to have a major medical examination, what health concerns would likely be noted?

Please indicate any chronic or recurring conditions:

_____ Asthma _____ Appendicitis _____ Ear Infections _____ Sore Throat
_____ Diabetes _____ Convulsions _____ Emotional
_____ Other (specify)

Please indicate any allergies you may have:

_____ Hay fever _____ Insect stings _____ Foods (specify) _____ Drugs (specify) _____ Other
(specify)

Please give approximate dates for the following immunizations:

_____ Polio _____ Measles _____ German Measles
_____ Small Pox _____ Mumps _____ Tetanus (should be within last 10 years)

Have you had any operations or serious injuries in the past five years? Indicate dates:

Do you have any health issues or limitations, which might affect your participation?

You must carry your own medications. To avoid Customs difficulties, please be sure any prescription drugs are in original labeled containers. Please list medications/prescriptions you will be carrying on this trip:

I understand that I am participating in a Christian mission trip and will adhere to the guidelines and standards of Mission Jamaica. Mission Jamaica staff are not liable for any accidents, injury, delay, damage, of inconvenience caused to the Missionaries by negligence of others, by malfunctions of transportation systems or equipment, by acts of war or rebellion, strikes, theft, itinerary changes, extreme weather conditions, or cancellations, and the missionary hereby releases Mission Jamaica from any and all such liability.

Signature _____

Date: _____

Signature of parent if participant is a minor

Date: _____

Your Mission Leader will carry a copy of this form during the trip.